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SUBJ: POSSIBLE CLOSING OF LENINGRAD UPI OFFICE

1. LENINGRAD UPI CORRESPONDENT EMIL SVEILIS HAS TOLD US THAT HE PLANS TO LEAVE LENINGRAD WITHIN TWO OR THREE MONTHS. SVEILIS SAID THAT DECISION COMES OF HIS OWN VOLITION AND IS BASED ON STRICTLY PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS. HE ASSURED US THAT IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT A REACTION TO TREATMENT WHICH HE HAS RECEIVED FROM THE SOVIETS HERE. INDEED, SVEILIS BELIEVES THAT LENINGRAD PRESS AUTHORITIES ON WHOLE HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY TO SMOOTH THE WAY FOR HIM HERE, AND, WHILE HE EXPERIENCED SOME HARRASSMENT LAST WINTER, HE CHARACTERIZES THE CURRENT OFFICIAL ATTITUDE AND COOPERATION AS GOOD.

2. SVEILIS SAID THAT WHEN HE DISCUSSED HIS DECISION WITH TOP OFFICIAL UPI MAIN OFFICE IN NEW YORK AUGUST 17, OFFICIAL INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF SVEILIS' PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS AND ADDED THAT, FOR FINANCIAL REASONS, UPI HAS BEEN CONSIDERING CLOSING OFFICE IN LENINGRAD ANYWAY AND THIS SEEMED AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY.

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3. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENCE OF AT LEAST ONE WESTERN CORRESPONDENT IN SOVIET UNION'S SECOND LARGEST CITY IS A POSITIVE FACTOR FOR BOTH SIDES AND WOULD HOPE THAT A WAY COULD BE FOUND TO MAINTAIN WESTERN CORRESPONDENT HERE, AS BALANCE TO TASS OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH ADDRESSEES COULD PROVIDE ON QUESTION OF CONTINUATION OF

UPI OFFICE OR ASSIGNMENT OF OTHER WESTERN CORRESPONDENT
HERE.NEUBERT

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